

REMARKS

Claims 2 – 25 and 27 – 38 remain pending in this application. Further reconsideration of this application is requested.

The claims are amended in response to the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated March 11, 2010, affirming the rejection of claims 1, 8/1, 18/1, 19/1, 20/1 and 26, and reversing all other grounds of rejection. Claims 1 and 26 are cancelled and the remaining claims are amended to be consistent with the cancellation of claim 1.

Additionally, rejoinder of withdrawn dependent claims 10, 11 and 15 is requested as these claims depend from now-allowable claims and thus are allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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